Town of Middlesex
Road Committee Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026

Attending:

Zara Vincent,Sandy Levine, Ben Abare, Hilton Dier III, Mike Kline, Dexter Lefavour

Guests:

Keith Cubbon - CVRPC

5:01 Call to Order:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 21,2026 by Dexter LeFavour, seconded by Sandy Levine and approved by all attending.
- Motion to approve the Agenda for April 17,2026 by Dexter LeFavour, seconded by Sandy Levine and approved by all attending.

5:02: Team Future:

Keith gave a report on the HMP grant we received last year to create a 5-year plan to address inadequate culvers and road drainage. The report recommends an annual replacement of just under 30 per year prioritizing “less than Fair” culverts (Closed, Critical, Urgent, and Poor) based on State assessment.

- Just under 30 culverts/year is an aggressive target — wet summers or unforeseen issues could reduce throughput; plan was calibrated with road crew input.
- Keith priced out culvert vendors and Johnson Hardware, our current supplier, seems to remain the most economic and easiest to work with choice.
- Recommends continuing to apply for grants to fund the fixes needed. Including: Town Highway Grant, Better Roads Grant, District 6 culvert grant, Etc.
- Granite ready mix we are currently using now far superior to the shale of the past for drainage. Many areas still contain too much old shale.
- Discussion of seeing improvements to mud season with new FEMA funded culvert upsizing and road work, but ongoing mud season issues like East Hill Rd.
- New seeps/ springs /mud season failures will continue to emerge; French mattress is a multi-year, incremental fix, not a one-season solution.
- Keith recommends using the WAZE app to report closed roads and other construction work in the future to the public. Zara reports FPF will not allow us to advertise this because they consider it competition.

5:30 Great Brook Futures Project

- Mike reported nothing has really changed last month and asked about the status of BRIC Grant?
- Zara reported getting email from the state today asking her to resign as FEMA wants to make this new BRIC vs moving forward with old, stalled BRIC that started in 2024. She will complete this task after the meeting.
- Keith says the State has the 2 million put aside and the fact that we have the capacity to administrate as well as the 25% match already budgeted from last year means it is very possible, we could get this grant.
- Sandy reported that the Planning Committee is working on a grant to address housing and erosion issues, zoning changes to reduce harm for residents of Brook rd. Planning outreach to residents around this planning.

5:37 Team Fix:

- McCullough work to repair 2023 and 2024 flood damage was completed before the July 14 deadline by the crew. We are repaid for their time, equipment as well as materials used.
- Norton rd. 2023 damage to be fixed with a new squash culvert starting after August 7 (likely the 10th) and will be closed to through traffic.
- Lower Sunny Brook damage from 2023 will be repaired / replaced/ fixed starting soon after Norton is completed.
- Old Brook rd. and Daniel's Farm rd. Bridge to be completed this fall before winter.
- Sandy asked about the road on Daniel's farm itself. Ben told us it is to be fixed very soon.
- French rd. and Bolduc rd. 2024 damages to be completed next spring/summer. Concrete culverts are being manufactured now.

5:42 Team Funding:

- Grants were discussed above during Team Future discussion
- Eric won a $14k grant recently for town road work. (not sure what it was named)

5:48 Team Friends:

- Sandy to gather Brook rd. outreach materials.
- Zara to do road construction updates on Socials.
- No new survey ideas currently.

5:50 Call for motion to Adjourn. Motion by Mike, seconded by Sandy. All in favor.